

CLAIMS

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1. A method of attracting rabies-infected mammals, comprising:

providing a source of nonbiological sound which assaults the auditory hyperesthesia of said rabies-infected mammals but not healthy rabies-free mammals and which attracts said rabies-infected mammals to said source of nonbiological sound; and

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capturing said rabies-infected mammals attracted to said source of nonbiological sound.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the rabies infected mammals are carnivores, Order Carnivora.

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3. The method of claim 1 wherein the rabies-infected mammals are bats, Order Chiroptera.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the nonbiological sound is inaudible by man.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the nonbiological sound is continuous without interruption.

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6. The method of claim 1 wherein the nonbiological sound is produced in short bursts of about one-third second duration, separated by equal periods of silence.

7. An apparatus for luring attack-prone, rabies-infected bats into restraint but not luring normal, uninfected bats, comprising:

a frame having a series of taut vertical wires therein;

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a nonbiological sound source mounted behind and facing said wires which assaults the auditory hyperesthesia of said rabies-infected bats; and

a smooth-sided hopper below said frame;

whereby the rabies-infected bats attack said nonbiological sound source, encounter the wires, and slide down said wires into said hopper.

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8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein a cage is below said hopper so that the rabies-infected bats after encountering said wires slide down said wires into

said hopper into said cage.

9. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said wires are too fine for the rabies-infected bats to detect with their sonar system.
10. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the wires are spaced about one inch apart.
- 5 11. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the nonbiological sound source is above 16 kHz.
12. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein two or more such traps are used in tandem.
13. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein two or more sets of wires are used in tandem, separated by one to three inches.
- 10 14. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the vertical wires are plastic lines.